



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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Mahalo for a Successful Obon

Another successful Obon was held this year with the participation of our guests from Yaeyama Norin High School of Ishigaki Island in Okinawa. They treated everyone to great Okinawan entertainment together with the Maui Ryuku Culture Group, Ukwanshin Kabudan, and the Young Okinawans of Hawaii. Thank you! Thanks also to Service Rentals and Supply for keeping us secure with the lighting of the temple grounds and parking area, and to Maui Zendo who always has a well-organized group that provides safe parking for everyone. We are grateful to M. Toguchi Body Shop for the cases of bottled water which kept everyone hydrated, and to the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for keeping us all well fed. Thank you, too, to the farmers who donated the fresh produce and to the people who made baked goods to sell at our bazaar. Also, a deep appreciation to Reverend Seiya Chisaka and the Myoshinji Temple of Japan for their support. Because of the hard work and generosity of our members and many friends, we were able to present another successful Obon, the only Okinawan Obon here on Maui. Thank you very much!

*Alan Nago
President, Board of Directors
Rinzai Zen Mission*

今年もますます盛大になりましたお盆行事を無事に終わることができました。

特に今回は八重山農林高校郷土芸能部の生徒さん達がたくさんの衣装小道具をはるばる石垣島から持参、参加していただきましたおかげで、地元マウイの人々及び他島、他州からの参会者に強い感銘を与えてくれました。

たくさんの皆様のボランティア、ご寄付のおかげで私達のお寺のお盆はマウイの一大行事となりました。本当に有難うございました。住職、役員全員心から御礼申し上げます。

アラン ナゴ
護持会 会長



Photo credit:
Melanie Agrabante

Beach or Cliff?

Pictures tell you more than words can say about what's happening around Rinzai Zen Mission and Baldwin Beach Park. I have been here almost thirty years and seeing many changes in Paia town and its environs. Of course, many of you remember Paia as the old plantation town, the lime kiln, and sandy beaches that reached to the reef.

Here are a couple photos I took on September 13. More photos are on our Facebook page too.



The shortest distance from our boundary to the water's edge is just 70 feet now. That is more than 10 feet shorter than last year.

We will work to prevent water from entering our grounds and damaging our buildings, but we cannot stop powerful nature's movement forever. We still make and keep our schedules, but the park entrance can be closed at any time and could be closed many days without information as it was at the beginning of September. I will inform regular participants of any cancellations, but if you hear of high surf or storm warnings affecting the north shore, please check with me before driving into Paia.

Rev. Yamaguchi

Temple Schedule

- Oct. 09(Sun), Cleaning Day
- 16(Sun), 10:00 a.m. Darumaki Service
- Nov. 04 - 09 Sesshin (Intensive Zen retreat)
- 13(Sun), Cleaning Day
- 20(Sun), 10:00 a.m. Service
- Dec. 03(Sat), Zazen kai - All day Zazen
- 11(Sun), 10:00 a.m. Jodo-e, Buddha's enlightenment Day Service
- 18(Sun), End of year cleaning
- 31(Sat), Joya no Kane, end of year Bell

Other Events of Interest

- Nov. 4 & 5(Fri, Sat), 7:30 p.m. UchinaAloha (a play), McCoy Studio. Call MACC for tickets.
- Nov. 12(Sat), MRCG Bazaar (at the Temple)